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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBSIDIZATION OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established an Office of State-Wide Emergency  
4 Telecommunications which shall be in the Division of Fire, Emergency  
5 and Building Services within the Department of Public Safety. The  
6 Office of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications shall be  
7 responsible for developing and maintaining a state-wide emergency  
8 service telecommunications policy. In connection with said policy the  
9 office shall:

10 (1) Develop a state-wide emergency service telecommunications  
11 plan specifying emergency police, fire and medical service  
12 telecommunications systems needed to provide coordinated  
13 emergency service telecommunications to all state residents, including  
14 the physically disabled;

15       (2) Pursuant to the recommendations of the task force established by  
16 public act 95-318\* to study enhanced 9-1-1 telecommunications  
17 services, and in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
18 Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
19 section, develop and administer, by July 1, 1997, an enhanced  
20 emergency 9-1-1 program, which shall provide for: (A) The  
21 replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal equipment for each public safety  
22 answering point; (B) the subsidization of regional public safety  
23 emergency telecommunications centers, with enhanced subsidization  
24 for municipalities with a population in excess of forty thousand; (C)  
25 the establishment of a transition grant program to encourage  
26 regionalization of public safety telecommunications centers; and (D)  
27 the establishment of a regional emergency telecommunications service  
28 credit in order to support regional dispatch services;

29       (3) Provide technical telecommunications assistance to state and  
30 local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies;

31       (4) Provide frequency coordination for such agencies;

32       (5) Coordinate and assist in state-wide planning for 9-1-1 and E 9-1-  
33 1 systems;

34       (6) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed  
35 legislation affecting emergency service telecommunications; and

36       (7) Review and make recommendations to the General Assembly  
37 concerning emergency service telecommunications funding.

38       (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt regulations, in  
39 accordance with chapter 54, establishing eligibility standards for state  
40 financial assistance to local or regional police, fire and emergency  
41 medical service agencies providing emergency service  
42 telecommunications. Not later than April 1, 1997, the commissioner  
43 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, in order to  
44 carry out the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this

45 section. Such regulations shall provide that state financial assistance  
46 distributed in accordance with said subdivision to any fire department  
47 with an Insurance Service Office rating of class 1 shall not be reduced  
48 based upon such department's use of a secondary answering point for  
49 emergency telecommunications services.

50 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure  
51 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the  
52 regional public safety emergency telecommunications centers within  
53 the state, and not later than April first of each year thereafter, the  
54 commissioner shall determine the amount of funding needed for the  
55 development and administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1  
56 program. The commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with  
57 (1) the purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety  
58 answering point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the  
59 subsidy program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
60 this section, (3) the implementation of the transition grant program,  
61 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the  
62 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service  
63 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,  
64 provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year  
65 thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction  
66 services as provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be  
67 based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and shall not be  
68 reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6)  
69 recurring expenses and future capital costs associated with the  
70 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service  
71 and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year  
72 ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the collection,  
73 maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services data, as  
74 required under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (8) of section  
75 19a-177, provided the amount of expenses specified under this  
76 subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any  
77 fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal  
78 year thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch

79 personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority  
 80 reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and  
 81 continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of  
 82 subsection (g) of section 28-25b, and (9) the administration of the  
 83 enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office of State-Wide  
 84 Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to  
 85 be reasonably necessary. The commissioner shall communicate the  
 86 commissioner's findings to the chairperson of the Public Utilities  
 87 Control Authority not later than April first of each year.

88 (d) The office may apply for, receive and distribute any federal  
 89 funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The office  
 90 shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1  
 91 Telecommunications Fund established by section 28-30a.

92 (e) The office shall work in cooperation with the Department of  
 93 Public Utility Control to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	28-24

***Statement of Purpose:***

To exempt certain fire departments that rely on a secondary answering point for emergency telecommunications services from a reduction in E-9-1-1 funding.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*